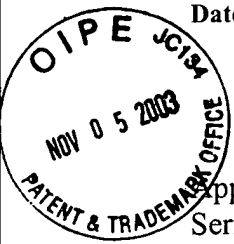


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment; and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Although applicant believes no fees are due with this filing in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 17549-139 CON. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants request that the application be amended as follows before examination:

Amendments to the Specification are found on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.